

REMARKS

The original PCT claims and the claims added by the first Preliminary Amendment have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 99-149. The new claims are identical to the claims now in the PCT application. The new independent claims 99 and 138 clearly distinguish the invention from the teachings in U.S. Patent No. 6,852,919 to Ludwig ("Ludwig") which reference was cited in the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in PCT/US04/18072. A demand for examination of the new claims in the PCT application pursuant to Chapter II has been filed. The demand was accompanied by a statement from the inventor Mr. Paul F. Ierymenko. Mr. Ierymenko's statement in the PCT application, with corrected references to the new claims herein, is submitted in the form of a declaration for consideration by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now in this application are patentable over the prior art. If applicants' attorney can be of any further assistance please call the undersigned at the number provided.

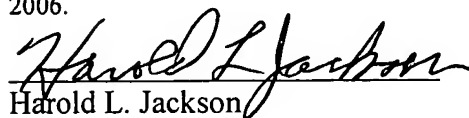
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